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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge you to eliminate the practice of force molting layer hens. This cruel practice of withholding food for up to 2 weeks is barbaric. Aside from that, research has shown that forced molting significantly increases the frequency and severity of Salmonella enteritidis among hens.

I support the petition filed by the United Poultry Concerns and the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights (docket number 98P-0203/CP)
Respectfully,



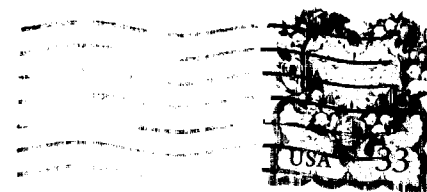
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